Yo Kaminagai is born in 1958. He has been working in the RATP since his graduation as civil engineer (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées) in 1980. He began in the Marketing team and was in charge of innovative projects, and specialized himself in passenger information. He was the first manager of this domain in 1990, before being invited to build the design management function in the company.

A dedicated team was created and its growth allowed the progressive integration all the creative disciplines participating to the transport environments design (product design, information design, architecture, cultural and art management), in particular in the Environments and heritage Department, in charge of the projects management in these domains from 2008 to 2011.

In March 2011 he was named Head of design beside the director of this department, to coordinate the creative design policies and promote the role of the environments quality in the corporate strategy, for the company and for the RATP Group.

Since 2012 he performs this function in the Projects management Department, which steers the most of the RATP investments projects. He was also the chairperson of the Design & Culture platform of the UITP (International association of Public transport), to which he still participates, and serves in the boards of several important organizations in charge of design promotion and education in France (APCI, ENSCI, Le Lieu du Design, Cité du Design in St Etienne).